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The Newsletter of the Eastern Library System

From the Administrator

by Kathy Tooker

“Leadership has nothing to do with your job title, or what you do for a living. If you influence others, you are a leader!” This quote was found on a calendar but could be the motto for the Nebraska Library Leadership Institute as a person can lead from any position, even as a courageous follower.

Picture a serene setting with a beautiful building and patio that just calls you to sit and relax, add green space with flowers and trees and a small lake with bubbling fountains surrounded by a walking path with benches. Now add 26 librarian participants, eight librarian mentors, two renowned presenters on leadership, and three system support staff to bring you snacks and goodies to eat, and you have a picture of the Nebraska Library Leadership Institute (NELLI) held July 9-13 at St. Benedict Center in Schuyler.

Sponsored by Regional Library Systems with funding from the Nebraska Library Commission, the 4th Leadership Institute was held July 9-13. Becky Schreiber and John Shannon of Schreiber and Shannon Associates, have facilitated state leadership institutes all over the country as well as Australia, once again guided the group through a series of exercises, small learning groups, discussions, and game playing, to help participants examine their own leadership styles and gain the knowledge and skills needed for effective leadership in a changing environment. An added bonus is the building of a support network by interacting with library leaders who serve as mentors.

One of the first things that happens is Schreiber and Shannon tell the group up front that the institute is not about building a good group experience but about building effective leaders and that the process may be difficult for some. However, after participating in five leadership institutes, both as a participant and as a mentor, a good group experience does occur and lasting friendships formed. Small learning groups offer a safe environment for members to practice what they are learning and receive constructive feedback from others. Four people, one person from each of four learning groups, took ideas and concepts that had been generated by all and wrote a vision statement (see page three) for the group. They then presented the vision to the entire group and received cheers and applause.



The final day, the participants who came from 16 different libraries (public, school, special and academic), received a certificate and a pin to commemorate their graduation from the program. They joined the 100 other librarians who have graduated and take their place as library leaders.

Not all the time is spent working. Everyone looks forward to the tasty meals served at St. Benedict's. Evenings are spent having fun playing board games, taking walks, or just relaxing, reading, or reflecting on the day's events. This year, several "firsts" happened to make it even more interesting. Mentors and facilitators came a day early and on the first night during a fierce thunderstorm, the fire alarm went off. Emergency lights were flashing, a siren was screeching, and a voice came over the loudspeaker telling us to evaluate the building. It was almost surreal as people gathered in the hallway in various states of undress.

After about 10 minutes it was decided that lightening must have struck something and all retired for the night again. Another first was the adopting of a small gray kitten that was found along the highway. One of the participants stepped up and volunteered to take the kitten home with her and keep the group informed on the kitten's progress. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/hectorj/>

Each person brought a favorite book and thanks to David Buffington from Creighton University (NELLI 2005) had their picture taken with it for a READ poster.

The dates of July 19—24, 2009, have already been set for the next Leadership Institute. So please put it on your calendar if you are interested in attending or if you are a director, be thinking about staff with leadership potential you can encourage to attend.

NELLI would not happen without the financial support of the Nebraska Library Commission. It would not be nearly as effective without the wonderful people who have been willing to give up a week of their time to share their leadership knowledge and experiences so a million thanks to the mentors:

Nancy Busch, University of Nebraska—Lincoln
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"Teachers are to inspire, libraries are to fulfill,
therefore this book is dedicated to all the incredible
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Ray Bradbury, in the dedication to "Match to
Flame: The Fictional Paths to Fahrenheit 451"

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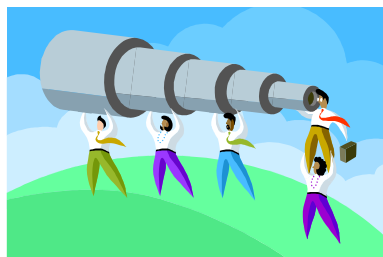
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2007 Nebraska Library Leadership Institute VISION STATEMENT

The 2007 Nebraska Library Leadership Institute embodies a customer-centered library community that:

- Reflects our diverse population, fosters global discourse, and is a vital and active hub of cultural experience and exposure for its constituency.
- Targets the needs of current and prospective users in order to engage and connect them with resources, services and opportunities.
- Integrates innovative technologies with traditional information to create dynamic physical and virtual environments.
- Motivates a responsive, committed staff who enthusiastically supports the strategic vision of our library community.



System news



Elkhorn

This is the Elkhorn Library float in the Elkhorn Day parade held on June 23rd. A CD player played the "Pink Panther" theme in the background. They won first prize in the Civic category. On the float are Jan McGuire, Annie Badalucco, Michelle Hoffman, Dean Marshall (Foundation President) and Wendy Anderson, director. The float was depicting the summer reading program theme of "Get a Clue @ your Library." The detectives of the "#1 ladies Detective agency" are ready for their next assignment.

42nd Annual Neihardt Day Celebration

On Sunday, August 5, 2007, the Neihardt Foundation will be sponsoring a program commemorating "Crazy Horse" at the Neihardt State Historic Site in Bancroft. The event is free and open to the public. Lunch is available to purchase from 11:30 am - 1 pm and the main program begins at 1:30 pm. If you would like a copy of the flyer, call the system office.

Papillion

According to "Money Magazine" and their article on "Best Places to Live 2007," Papillion ranks number seven in the list of top 10 great American towns. The criteria included economic opportunity, good schools, safe streets, things to do and a sense of community. [I am sure a wonderful library helped in the decision too.]

Fremont

The Friends of Keene Memorial Library hosted their annual "Lemonade on the Lawn" as part of Fremont Days. The event featured a story time by Mrs. John C. Fremont (portrayed by Susan Allen, a staff member at Keene) and music by Richard Rader. Guests mingled while enjoying cookies and lemonade on a beautiful afternoon. As part of the annual parade, the library's float featured patrons throughout time: a proper lady reader and card catalog from 1901, a sock hopper from 1950, and modern day mother and daughter who shared a laptop computer and

graphic novel. Of course, they handed out candy and bookmarks and reminded parade goers to "make tracks" to the library.

Beemer

The Karlen Memorial Library received a Children's Services Grant from ELS this year. Tammy Lorenz, library director, reports that the younger children were thrilled to get so many new books at one time....just for them. They were able to purchase 42 new easy-reader books for children just learning to read. There were some 6-8 year-olds in the library when UPS delivered the box of books that Tammy ordered. She let them help unpack the box and they were very happy to see those brand new books. They started being checked out just as soon as they were processed and are in high demand. "Thanks ELS for helping to fill a much needed gap on our shelves."

Minimum Wage Increase

President Bush has signed a bill that increased the Federal Minimum Wage rate. The rate will take effect July 24th and all employers, including libraries, must comply. The three-step increase is as follows:

- \$5.85 - Summer of 2007
- \$6.55 - Summer of 2008
- \$7.25 - Summer of 2009

Saving Nebraska's Treasures

An NET television program on practical and effective methods to preserve photographs, books and documents will air on July 26th at 9 p.m.

Visit www.netnebraska.org/treasures for expanded information on this program and additional workshops.

NLC Classes Available Online

If you have wanted to take an online course and the timing didn't work for you or you want to brush up on a library skill or you have a new staff member that needs training, the Nebraska Library Commission has recorded online sessions that are available for you to view at your leisure. All you need is a computer with a sound card and speakers. There is no cost. To see the complete list of online or archived online classes go to:

www.nlc.state.ne.us/training and use the View all Training by Location pull-down menu and select Online.

Are you a budding author?

If you have always wanted to write a novel or if you have a draft of a novel already written, "Novel Secrets" - a novel retreat in three acts - could interest you. The three retreats will be held at the St. Benedict Retreat Center in Schuyler on October 25-27, 2007, April 4-6, 2008 and October 24-26, 2008. Visit www.NLSharp.com for more information and to register for this Novel Retreat Series. NL Sharp is a local author (Fremont) and has been a presenter and exhibitor at ELS workshops.

My Experiences at ALA by Karla Shafer, director of the Hooper Public Library

“You have given me such an enthusiastic view of what we do.”

As the man from Pennsylvania spoke those words to *ME*, I was thinking the same thing about the same effect from another lady at our table. Networking is always a delightful surprise at conferences.

As I attended the American Library Association Conference at Washington, D.C. a few weeks ago, I loved the renewal of my “world view.” With fellow attendees, I interacted and brainstormed on shared problems and gained a fresh enthusiasm for my job as Director - even for my tiny library at Hooper. Of course, there was so much more to make me so glad I had gone to ALA at DC (where you gain a whole new respect for acronyms.)

I am a strong advocate for getting inventive about attending national library conferences. Since my budget is as tiny as my library, I had to get inventive financing my desire to attend this ALA Conference. To be able to be gone from my library, I used part of my vacation time at both of my permanent jobs. I got a partial grant, took a temporary third job, and put a donation box on my circulation desk. I bought my airline ticket eight months ahead (much cheaper and good motivation since it was nonrefundable,) I used the Dorm Housing arranged by ALA (only \$31.00 per night), learned the subway instead of using a taxi (except with my luggage,) I only attended the free sessions (very plentiful,) and ate very little other than “grazing” as I attended vendor booths and workshops (a rare, but effective diet plan.) Believe me, it was worth the effort.

Since ALA is a combination of so many acronym bearing organizations (PLA, FOLUSA, YALSA, LSTA etc.) the workshops offered were phenomenal and numerous. I had a plethora of choice and plenty of time to attend my favorite sessions. Even though there were more than 28,635 attendees at this 128th ALA Annual Conference, once I was in a workshop, the group felt friendly and casual. The immediate camaraderie, helpful information, and interesting leaders, made learning easy.

The vendors are always an exciting part of these gatherings. Yes, they want to make sales, but in actuality,



I have buying to do, and I use these venues to become well informed for good spending decisions. In the meantime, the vendors give generous gifts and great discounts. And, I learned if you can save some energy for the last day, vendors give drastic discounts and even free merchandise. The items I brought home (in the empty suitcase I took) really give my library budget a boost.

Author signings are great fun at conferences, too. ALA had many exciting signing opportunities. I was able to be with Kate DiCamillo (Because of Winn Dixie and The Tale of Despereaux) and her famous illustrator, Bagram Ibatouline (who does only rare appearances,) Perry Moore (Hero) who spoke to me of being so thankful for the librarians in his life and told me I am *HIS* hero because of it (that felt really good), and Robert Orben (The Speechwriter's Handbook of Humor,) who was speechwriter for President Ford, etc. Such fun experiences!

The Special Events at the ALA Conference featured a variety of famous newsmakers, celebrities, and best-selling authors. I was probably the only one who didn't know Garrison Keillor prior to the Closing Session, but I will never forget him now. The lines were long for all the famous speakers, but I was able to be in the tenth row hearing Robert Kennedy, Jr., and the fourth row directly in front of entertainment icon, Julie Andrews. I was excited to hear the announcement Julie Andrews will be the Honorary Chair for National Library Week 2008. My most inspiring moment was as she spoke. Ms. Andrews was so genteel, warm and beautiful. And, her words were like honey to me as she spoke of printed words leading to wisdom, and wisdom resulting in *WONDER*. As chills flooded my heart, I felt like crying and shouting at the same time (I restrained myself to a few tears.) It is in such moments I realize the depth of what I do, and the fire continues to burn in my heart to make Hooper's library a place of just such wonder.

As you may have guessed, I am trying to entice you to attend library conferences. We “library folk” win when we open our hearts and minds to new possibilities at our place of service. Our patrons are counting on us to keep our libraries a place of fresh ideas and opportunity, like those taught at conferences.

If you haven't gone -- go. You'll be glad you did.

Worth Checking Out

Professional Collection Additions / College of DuPage Teleconferences

The Best from the Web: Library 2.0 and Beyond (DVD). A panel of experts have compiled a toolkit of best the web sites for library workers. Learn about web resources that will assist you in your everyday job, whether you work at a public desk or behind the scenes in tech services.

The Relevance of Libraries in a Digital Age (DVD). A panel discusses the future relevance of libraries as we know them. Traditional roles of libraries will change in information selection, acquisition, synthesis, navigation, dissemination, interpretation and archiving.

Copyright in the Digital Age: An Update (Video)

Of interest to all librarians to understand how technology development has changed intellectual property issues. Discussed will be the key issues since 2004, orphan works, and fair use.

To interlibrary loan any of these teleconferences, please call the system office. If you need a DVD player, we can lend one to you.

Seen on the Internet

How to Evaluate Your Library's Physical Environment.

Julie Cooper, marketing consultant in Columbus, Ohio, teaches marketing, merchandising, and customer service at workshops and through Kent State School of Library and Information Services. Cooper has put online at www.infotoday.com/MLS/may07/Cooper.shtml, a Sensory Perception Audit (SPA) to help you evaluate space. Cooper says conducting the audit will give you a opportunity to take a fresh look at your library, rediscover what your facility is communicating, and enhance the environment.

Reasons to Use a Paper To Do List

Even with iPhones and good electronic to do list managers, some are still committed to paper to do lists. Here are reasons why:

1. Using pen and paper just feels good.
2. You can't beat pen & paper's mobility & accessibility
3. Never hassle over synchronizing your to do list across multiple devices again.
4. No application lock-in.
5. Pen on paper gets you away from the computer.
6. Gives you a reason to buy and try cool pens and notebooks.
7. You can doodle pictures or mind maps on your to do lists.
8. Paper and pen don't set off the anti-electronics alarms of family and friends.
9. It's so convenient to write stuff down.
10. You can change your to do list "data model" anytime.
11. Forces you to limit your list and eliminate what's unimportant.

Now send me your reasons why you prefer electronic to do list managers to paper; they will be published in the next newsletter. [For more about the reasons go to <http://www.webworkdaily.com/2007/page7>.

Consumer Health Information

1. *Library Journal* (May 1, 2007) issue, has a list of the *Best Consumer Health Books* of 2006. While finding health information on the Internet has become very useful and popular, print consumer health resources still are in demand and necessary. To interlibrary loan a copy of this bibliography, please call the system office.
2. Another great resource for consumer health information is the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Library. Visit their web site at <http://www.unmc.edu/library/consumer> to connect with CHRIS (Consumer Health Information Resources Service), a program that provides consumer health information for Nebraska residents free of charge. CHRIS will provide a tailored package of information that may include journal articles, book chapters, pamphlets, and web resources. You can also submit a request online by phone at 402-559.6221. If you want more information about CHRIS and its services, please call the system office.

Greener Libraries

Environmental concerns are not just for large corporations and industries. Al Gore's movie, *An Inconvenient Truth* has certainly brought the state of the environment to the public's attention. Libraries too need to consider their affect on the environment. Interlibrary loan "[15 Simple Ways to Make Your Library A Shade Greener](#)," to recognize and mitigate adverse impacts on the environment. [Seen in *Northeast Straight Talk*, first published on *Tech Soup* www.techsoup.org

"A free public library is a revolutionary notion, and when people don't have free access to books, then communities are like radios without batteries. You cut people off from essential sources of information—mythical, practical, linguistic, political—you break them. You render them helpless in the face of political oppression."

Anne Lamott, author of *Bird by Bird*, 1995, *Traveling Mericies* 2000, and *Grace (eventually)* *Thoughts on Faith* 2007 writes about libraries in *Grace (eventually)*, pages 150-151.

Resources For Youth Services Librarians & Media Specialists

The American Library Association and the Illinois Library Association are making available for free Internet Safety Bookmarks that contain information as well as links to additional resources on these topics:

- Dealing with Cyberbullies: Tip for Kids
- Safe Blogging: Tip for Teens
- Social Networking: Tip for Parents

Printed as a series, users can customize the bookmarks and print them locally. Information about your local library can be added and/or their favorite Web sites on the topic. Go to <http://www.ila.org/netsafe/> to download and print the bookmarks.



Materials from the Nebraska Library Commission You Can ILL

- *After-School Treats a Program Manual of After-School Activities for Children in 2nd through 6th Grades*
- *Boys and Literacy Practical Strategies for Librarians, Teachers, and Parents*
- *Crossing Boundaries with Children's Books*
- *Designing a School Library Media Center for the Future*
- *Grants for Elementary and Secondary Education*
- *The Heart has its Reasons Young Adult Literature with Gay/Lesbian content*
- *Preschool Favorites 35 Storytimes Kids Love*
- *Serving Teens Through Readers' Advisory*
- *Youth Information - seeking Behavior II*
- *Storytimes for Two-year-olds.*

To interlibrary loan any of the above call the Nebraska Library Commission - **1-800-307-2665 or (402) 471-4016**. Or fill out an ILL request form. <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/ref/ill/>

Best New Books for the Classroom [Book Links, July 2007]

Call or email and we will send you a copy of this article reviewing books recently recommended in Booklist magazine. The reviews suggest pairing these new titles with books you may already have in your collection.

2007 Top Ten Best Books for Young Adults [YALSA, American Library Association]



The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation, Volume 1: The Pox Party, by M.T. Anderson



Samurai Shortstop, by Alan Gratz



Surrender, by Sonya Hartnett



Sold, by Patricia McCormick



Ahahita's Woven Riddle, by Meghan Nuttall Sayres



The Trap, by John Smelcer



The King of Attolia, by Megan Whalen Turner



The Rules of Survival, by Nancy Welin



American Born Chinese, by Gene Luen Yang



The Book Thief, by Markus Zusak

Comic Books Can Make Reading Fun

[seen on *Reading is Fundamental* website - <http://www.rif.org>

Parents and educators, did you know that for many children, comic books are a gateway to longer literary forms, like novels? Comic books can captivate disinterested readers and encourage struggling ones. How well do you know comic book superheroes? Call or email and we will send you a "Superhero Scrambler" complete with the answers.

Association for Library Service to Children

(ALSC) has some new resources available. Go to <http://www.ala.org/kids> for free materials, resources and ideas. There is a Wiki where librarians share their successful ventures using these online materials.

This is the fourth in a series of Eastern Library System member interviews by Nancy. ELS serves public, school, academic and special libraries. One representative of each type will be featured in the articles.

Joy Winkler @ Alegent Health Immanuel Medical Center, Omaha

When you walk into her library you are greeted with a smile, a bowl of candy, and the feeling that lots of great things go on in this cramped space that's packed with all the projects Joy is involved with.



I loved the art work on one wall - a black and white grouping of "classical shapes" - a slinky, a shoe, a Timex watch, the inside of a piano, and M&Ms. Joy has been working in this library for 20 years this August and she, too, is a "classic." She is also a Husker having received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Her job at Immanuel was part-time when she started. For a few years before that she worked at the Nebraska Library Commission in federal documents. Her research skills plus a couple of medical classes in terminology and coding enabled her to easily take on the full-time position as medical library director. How times have changed. At first Joy used a "dumb terminal" for searches. She would type the coding information into phone equipment which would print out on thermal paper. It could take 3-4 weeks to get an article. Now a request is submitted through Docline with the National Medical Library and the information can be received in as little as 15 minutes.

The library has been in the Holling Center on the medical campus since 1979. Now the building is being torn down to do some construction remodel/addition to the hospital. She will be moving into new "digs" by the first of the year. Hopefully she will get a little more space or at least some added storage.

This library is one of the original "adopt-a-school" members. Springville elementary students have created a beautiful origami mobile of birds which hangs over a small table for patrons. Becky Pasco brings her UNO students, individually or as a class, to Joy's library to see how a one-person, "special" library is supposed to be run.

Joy is probably the most creative person I know. She is constantly being asked to help with hospital events. When a fundraiser for the cancer center was being organized Joy found a local artist who specialized in caricatures and hired her to do sketches of those attending. It was a very popular and people were thrilled with the pictures of themselves with svelte bodies.

Currently Joy is on the committee to promote the celebration of the 120th anniversary of the Immanuel Medical Center. She has designed a brochure, a banner, and is coordinating a cookbook complete with historical pictures. Immanuel has a large archive collection which Joy is getting more and more involved with. Immanuel's association with the Swedish and Lutheran persuasions is very evident in the history of this institution. When reading the brochure I found this most interesting item. Between 1940-1949 about 31% of the hospital employees left to serve in World War II. Staff was supplemented by Red Cross nurse aides and volunteers. I'm sure that situation was duplicated in many hospitals.

Besides being a librarian, Joy has two grown children and has been contemplating what she would like to do with the extra time she now has. She is active in ICON, the medical library consortium, and was very involved in her children's high school PTA. Always organized and wanting to forge ahead with projects, Joy will have no problem filling up any free time.

We here at the ELS office enjoy getting mail from Joy because it usually includes one or two of her special note pads. I did see a couple of stacks of colored paper on a table by her desk that looked to me like she is ready to make some more pads.

Hope I get one!



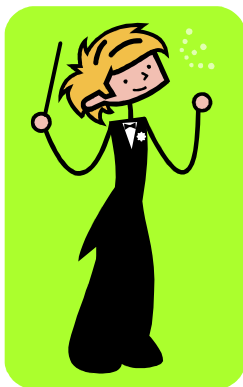
NMRT wants to encourage you to apply to the ALA Emerging Leaders (EL) 2008 program.

One new librarian from NLA will be selected to represent our chapter and be involved with ALA and professional leadership. If our representative is selected, NLA will sponsor the Emerging Leader for \$1,000 (\$500.00/conference) for the year. Applications will be available online July 1, 2007. http://wikis.ala.org/emergingleaders/index.php/Main_Page

The NLA deadline for the complete application will be July 30th. The application will be sent to ALA prior to their August 15th deadline. **Send your online application to:** Charlene Maxey-Harris, New Members Roundtable Chair, NLA, cmaxeys2@unl.edu

Qualifications:

- 1) ALA member, and
- 2) Young (under 35 years) or new librarians of any age with fewer than 5 years post-MLS experience, and
- 3) Recent MLS degree from an ALA or NCATE accredited program or in an MLS program currently, and
- 4) Able to attend both ALA conferences and work virtually in between, and
- 5) Ready to commit to serve on an ALA, Division, Chapter, or Round Table committee, taskforce or workgroup upon completion of program.



Emerging Leader '07 Jolie Graybill, Assistant Professor & Multicultural Services Librarian, formerly of UNL Libraries, was selected from the 350 applicants.

Marjorie Harrison - New Panhandle Library System Coordinator. Marjorie will begin work on July 24. Marjorie is currently Director of the Romeo District Library in Washington, Michigan. She has held previous positions as Assistant Director of the Romeo District Library, Adult Services Department Head at the Highland Township Public Library in Highland, Michigan, Director of the Elbert County Library District in Elizabeth, Colorado and Director of the PLM Regional Library System in Helena, Arkansas. Marjorie received her MSLS from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan.

Diane Downer, President of the Panhandle Library System Board, stated, "I am please we recruited someone with Marjorie's expertise. She will be an asset to the libraries in the Panhandle area as she provides training and consultation. The Board is looking forward to working with Marjorie Harrison."

EXCALIBUR AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC LIBRARIAN

The Public Library Section of the Nebraska Library Association accepts nominations for the Excalibur Award for Outstanding Public Librarian. This award honors the career accomplishments of a public librarian who has demonstrated an outstanding record of service to his/her local library and to the library profession. The following categories suggest areas in which the nominee may have rendered significant service. Preference will be given to those nominees who have achieved excellence in more than one of these areas:

1. Development of outstanding service in field(s) of expertise, e.g. reference, children's, technical, administrative.
2. Involvement in statewide library service.
3. Record of library leadership in local community, regional area or in NLA.
4. Encouragement of community/institutional support for the library.

The nominee must be a member of the Public Library Section of the Nebraska Library Association. Send a statement of nomination with a description of the nominee's contributions to any Excalibur Nomination Committee member. Supporting letters of nomination and other materials may also be submitted with nomination. **Deadline for nominations is August 1.**

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NEBRASKA LIBRARIES: CHARTING PATHS TO THE FUTURE - IS THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S NLA/NEMA CONFERENCE

KEARNEY, NE – Outstanding pre-conference workshops as well as two days of stimulating conference sessions will highlight the annual conference of the Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association. The NLA/NEMA Conference will be held October 24-26 at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center in Kearney.

Internationally respected children's book author and literacy consultant Mem Fox will present, "Dirt Roads or Highways? Two Different Directions to Literacy". The pre-conference workshop will explore the critical role reading aloud to children plays in their social, psychological, educational, and even physical development. Fox will also present, "Reading Aloud So People Stay Awake, Stay Active and Stay with You". The session will involve participants in developing read-aloud skills.

Also available as a pre-conference workshop will be "Image is Everything: Making Partners and Money for Your Library". Presented by Alexis Sarkisian of the LAMA Institute, the workshop will focus on providing librarians with the knowledge, tools, and skills they need to make and use partnerships in their marketing, fundraising, and development efforts. John Seyfarth will present "Computer Hardware

Confidence," a workshop providing a hands-on opportunity to build a computer from parts and install an operating system. This session will also help participants become familiar with typical troubleshooting and remove-and-replace tasks.

Pre-conference activities will conclude with the program "Great New Books for Reading Aloud," presented by Nebraska librarians Pat Leach, Sally Snyder, and Becky Pasco.

Pre-conference registration information is available on the conference website at <http://www.2007nla-nema.info>, or you may register online for the Mem Fox sessions at Read Aloud Nebraska, <http://www.readaloudnebraska.org/events.htm>.

A wide array of programming is planned for the two days of conference sessions. Thursday's opening speaker will be Harley Jane Kozak, an author/actress whose screen credits include Arachnophobia, The Favor, and Parenthood. Her books include Dating Dead Men and Dating is Murder.

Friday's keynote speaker will be Joel Sartore, a National Geographic photographer who was recently featured on the PBS documentary At Close Range. He is also the author of Nebraska: Under a Big Red Sky.

Mark your calendar now to participate in this exciting, energizing conference. For more information check the conference website at <http://www.2007nla-nema.info/>.



LIBR 1010 WW INTRODUCTION TO LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

4.5 Quarter Hours

Online Fall Term 2007

September 4, 2007 – November 20, 2007

Orientation: Saturday, September 8, 2007

In Omaha: 3:00-5:00 p.m. UNO Kayser Hall 541

Parking is free on Saturday. The closest lot is the "Faculty" lot on the south side of Kayser Hall. The elevator is in the center of the building. Room 541 is on the 5th floor.

In North Platte: 11:00-1:00 p.m. North Platte High School Media Center

Students unable to attend orientation need to email the instructor Carrie Turner at carrieturner@westside66.org before the orientation session.

This course is designed to provide the student with a broad overview of the library and information science profession. The role of the Library Technician Assistant in library and information environments will be examined.

This course will provide students with an understanding of introductory concepts in libraries and information services:

- A brief history of libraries
- Different types of libraries
- Typical functions in today's libraries
- Current issues in library and information science
- Key terms used in the library profession
- Resources useful to Library Technical Assistants
- Issues relevant to information literacy
- Technology in libraries
- Career options in libraries and information environment

General Registration Begins – May 16, 2007

Payment Deadline – August 6, 2007

This course is a requirement for the Library Technology Assistant Associate of Arts Degree offered by the Nebraska Community Colleges.

Prerequisite: *College level reading and writing skills. Ability to use web browser and Internet search engines. Ability to save and back-up files to a local drive on a computer*

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Using Remote Desktop® with Windows XP Pro® and Vista Business®

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About the author: *Dan Norman, our guest author, has been a contributor to this library either as a technology volunteer or library aide since he was in sixth grade. Dan is presently a senior, computer engineering student at the Scott Center at University of Nebraska-Omaha majoring in robotics, but continues to work part time at the Sump. He has been invaluable to this library in keeping our technology up to date. Unfortunately, we only have a limited future with Dan, since he will be graduating in the next year and a half or so, and go on to a significant engineering position. John Seyfarth*

What is Remote Desktop?

Remote Desktop® is a Microsoft application that is built into Windows XP Professional® and Windows Vista Business®. Its purpose is to allow the user to access a computer remotely. Remote Desktop allows a person to use a computer as if they are sitting in front of it, but the computer can be miles away. This application can be used to connect to the next computer over, to a computer in the office from home, or to a computer half-way around the world. Remote Desktop has two parts to it: a host computer and a client application. The host computer must be running Windows XP Professional®, Windows Vista Business®, or another operating system that supports Remote Desktop and the host must have the Remote Desktop Service enabled in order to be used remotely. The second part is the client application. This is bundled with any version of Windows XP® or Vista® and there is a client application that is downloadable from Microsoft's website that will allow a computer running Windows 98/ME/2000/XP/Vista® and Apple OS X® to connect to a remote computer.

How do I use it?

At the Sump Memorial Library I utilize Remote Desktop® to install Windows updates, update anti-virus software, install software, and perform other maintenance tasks on the library's public access computers. At the library we have over 30 public access computers and it can be a real chore to make sure that they are all up to date. Remote Desktop allows me to update various computers around the library from the circulation desk. This allows the time at the circulation desk, when we are not helping patrons or completing other library functions, to be spent updating the computers. Updating the computers in this manner allows our Computer Manager to focus on other more pressing matters instead of worrying about whether the public access computers are up to date.

Setting up Remote Desktop®.

To set up Remote Desktop® on the host computer, the computer must be logged in as an administrator. When you are at the desktop right-click **My Computer** (which may be in the start menu) and select **Properties** from the drop down menu. This will open the System Properties window. Then click the **Remote** tab. To enable Remote Desktop click the check box by: **Allow users to connect remotely to this computer**. By default the user that configured Remote Desktop is given access to login remotely. To allow other users to login remotely, click the **Select Remote Users...** button and add other user accounts on the machine. Note: Windows requires Remote Desktop® users to have passwords in order to login remotely.

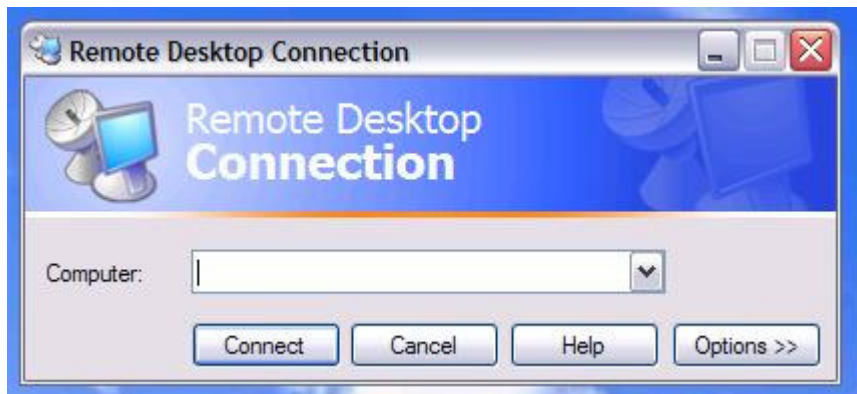
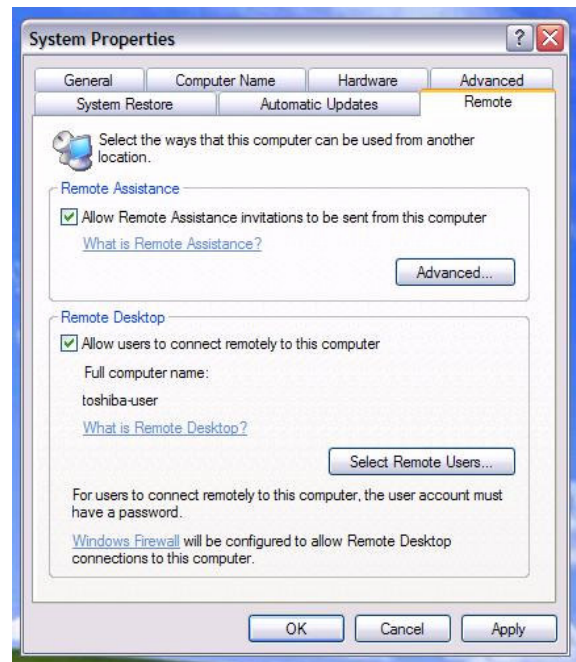
Using Remote Desktop®.

To login to a computer remotely, the Remote Desktop® client must be launched. In Windows XP® this is found in **START | All Programs | Accessories** and depending on the version of the client software, it may be in the **Communications** folder in **Accessories**. When the client is launched, the window below should appear.

In the blank following **Computer:** type the computer name or IP address of the computer to connect to. Using computer names is nice since they are easier to remember, but on our network IP addresses work better for the Remote Desktop® connection because of how the network is configured. If you click the **Options>>** button, the client application will display performance options, such as the video resolution and the connection speed. By modifying these preferences, the Remote Desktop® Connection can be optimized for better performance on the network and/or for a better user interface. When you login to the remote computer, Remote Desktop® will logoff the current user on that computer and login the remote user. If the remote user and the current user are the same, then Remote Desktop® won't logoff the computer. When a remote user is connected to the computer, the physical computer has a locked screen or goes back to the welcome screen. When Remote Desktop® is in Full Screen mode keyboard commands are transmitted to the remote machine. When you are done with the connection, the start menu shows two options: **Log Off** and **Disconnect**. Log Off will log off the computer so another user can login. Disconnect will disconnect the remote user, but leave the user logged in to the computer. This would allow the remote user to log back in and pick up where they left off. To Shut down or restart the computer remotely, you should be in full screen mode and looking at the desktop. Then press the key combination **ALT + F4** this will cause the computer to bring up the standard shut down menu.

Additional Resources

Remote Desktop is not perfect and has some quirks, but it is a powerful tool. There are some topics not covered here such as configuring Remote Desktop® to go through a firewall or other Internet appliance. A quick Google® search for **Remote Desktop** will show several pages from Microsoft's website that have more details for setting up Remote Desktop® and download the client software.



Eastern Library System Board Meeting

May 18, 2007

Wahoo Public Library

Present: Becky Pasco, Sam McMullen, Nancy Meyer, Kathy Tooker, Dorothy Willis, Denise Lawver and Mary Jo Mack. Guest was David Privett, Wahoo High School.

President, Denise Lawver called the meeting to order.

The date on the agenda was changed to read May 18th. There were no changes to the minutes from the March meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted.

The treasurer's report was reviewed, approved, and will be filed for audit.

There were several thank you notes that Kathy shared with the group. Included were notes from Nancy Busch, Connie Manzer from the Springfield Library, Yolanda Jasso from Baright Library and Tammy Lorenz from Karlen Library in Beemer. Kathy also read a letter from Betty Garwood, grand Matron of the Eastern Star explaining about the group's special project called "Read Nebraska".

Committee Reports:

- Continuing Education: ELS sponsored a book repair workshop. Between 23 and 25 people attended. The workshop received an excellent evaluation.
- Nominating Committee: 147 ballots were emailed and 1 was mailed to members. 39 ballots were returned. Newly elected board members are Scott Berryman and Joyce Neujahr. Incumbents reelected were John Seyfarth and Jan Therien.
- Technology Committee: The Eastern Library System has a new address for the homepage. There were a few reports of problems accessing this page but John has been working with Nancy to remedy these problems. The Technology Committee approved the new technology plan which will be submitted to the Nebraska Library Commission. Nancy will need a new computer and John will build the CPU.

- Fundraising Committee: Denise stated that this year's fundraiser has been cancelled until a later date.

Old Business: Strategic Plan progress. Kathy stated that no action has been reported to her from the mission statement committee. She will email this group.

New Business: Budget/Salaries. The executive committee needs to meet once again to finish Kathy's evaluation. Raise recommendations will be made at this meeting. The committee will get the results to Kathy as soon as they are finished so that the budget for the next year can be completed. Kathy read a message from Rod Wager stating that there will likely be little increase to the yearly budget.

The meeting was adjourned. (because of no quorum the remaining board members will be contacted for their vote.)

Next Meeting

June 8, 2007, Annual Meeting

Bellevue University

Respectfully submitted

Mary Jo Mack, secretary

Eastern Library
System Board
Meetings
2007-2008



August 10 - Baright
Library, Ralston

October 12 - Midland Lutheran College

December 14 - John A. Stahl Library,
West Point

February 8 - Bellevue University

April 11 - Neihardt Center, Bancroft

June - Annual Meeting (TBA)

Upcoming Events

July 27 - State Advisory Council on Libraries Meeting, Thompson Alumni Center, UNO - 9:30-2:30

July 28—Norfolk Public Library's Literature Festival. Contact Karen Drevo, 402-844-2108;

kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us

August 6—CLICK Meeting for children's and youth services librarians, Arlington Public Library, 9:30 am.

August 9- NEBASE Annual Meeting EAST, Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln. Contact: Jeanette Powell,

jpowell@nlc.state.ne.us

August 10 - ELS Board Meeting, Baright Public Library, Ralston, 9:30-11:30

August 17 - DIRECT Meeting, Blair Public Library, 9:30-11:30

September 6-7 Youth Services Retreat with Southeast Library System, Camp Carol Joy Holling (see registration at top of web page)

Check out the Nebraska Library Commission's web page calendar

<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libcal/libcal.html> for a schedule of events.

For more information on any of these events, call the System Office.

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